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Applicants submit a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 08-3040. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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